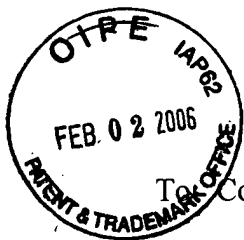


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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 4, 2005, please amend the above-  
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